



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through February 20, 2016 for the United States were 1.24 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	January 16, 2016	January 23, 2016	January 30, 2016	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016	February 20, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)				
Alabama	30,000	29,261	29,621	29,156	29,447	29,323
Arkansas	21,792	21,778	21,767	21,231	21,648	22,156
Delaware	4,807	4,803	4,741	4,816	4,802	4,794
Florida	1,225	1,224	1,175	1,220	1,220	1,220
Georgia	33,273	34,409	34,811	34,658	34,201	34,436
Kentucky	7,828	7,967	7,934	7,992	8,024	8,052
Louisiana	3,500	3,470	3,726	3,788	3,138	3,712
Maryland	8,113	7,796	7,333	7,854	7,788	7,506
Mississippi	17,692	18,125	18,051	17,933	17,948	17,494
Missouri	8,071	7,877	8,071	7,961	8,008	7,913
North Carolina	20,915	21,421	21,145	20,907	21,144	20,981
Oklahoma	6,962	6,738	7,036	6,748	7,006	6,911
Pennsylvania	4,632	4,394	4,555	4,988	4,787	4,510
South Carolina	5,735	5,612	5,539	5,421	5,576	5,128
Texas	15,237	15,200	15,231	15,396	15,272	15,420
Virginia	6,349	6,305	5,941	6,007	6,344	6,383
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,053	12,491	12,101	10,997	11,298	11,810
19 State total	208,184	208,871	208,778	207,073	207,651	207,749
Percent of previous year	101	101	102	100	100	100
Other States	8,049	7,979	7,896	8,139	8,040	8,077
United States	216,233	216,850	216,674	215,212	215,691	215,826
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	100	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	January 16, 2016	January 23, 2016	January 30, 2016	February 6, 2016	February 13, 2016	February 20, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)				
Alabama	22,745	22,369	21,739	21,562	20,936	21,433
Arkansas	21,043	20,540	19,569	19,533	21,166	20,013
Delaware	5,365	6,439	5,725	4,168	4,925	4,890
Florida	1,072	1,098	1,283	1,238	1,143	1,252
Georgia	27,244	25,339	27,576	26,800	27,823	27,688
Kentucky	5,731	6,295	6,062	6,207	5,992	5,987
Louisiana	3,042	2,994	2,997	3,028	2,969	3,182
Maryland	6,977	5,211	6,561	7,306	6,381	6,922
Mississippi	14,900	14,400	15,142	15,043	15,239	15,188
Missouri	6,111	6,126	5,675	6,163	5,138	5,887
North Carolina	16,487	16,134	15,993	16,366	16,694	16,977
Oklahoma	3,342	3,856	4,912	4,737	3,925	4,675
Pennsylvania	3,754	3,892	3,913	3,987	3,384	3,690
South Carolina	4,840	5,680	5,152	4,549	4,949	4,546
Texas	12,221	11,754	11,852	12,332	12,571	12,474
Virginia	4,755	5,528	5,085	6,079	5,430	4,438
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,668	10,671	11,351	10,418	12,171	10,940
19 State total	170,297	168,326	170,587	169,516	170,836	170,182
Percent of previous year	100	99	101	100	102	101
Other States	6,595	6,000	6,543	6,579	6,237	6,572
United States	176,892	174,326	177,130	176,095	177,073	176,754
Percent of previous year	101	99	101	101	102	102

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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